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# Lion's M.A.N.E. Newsletter

**Lion's M.A.N.E.** is the senior citizen outreach program of the Rose Tree Media School District. Lion's M.A.N.E. stands for 'Mature Adults Nurturing Education'.

*Mission Statement: Lion's M.A.N.E. offers opportunities for older generations to interact with younger generations.*

Greetings in the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year! Rose Tree Media is proud to offer a variety of opportunities for senior citizens to be part of the mission of Lion's M.A.N.E. Look inside these pages to read and learn about this award winning district and what it has to offer!

Fall/Winter 2019



## **Lion's M.A.N.E. Is On the Prowl and Ready to Pounce**

The 2019-2020 school year is well underway. News items inside this issue include the addition of new school entrances at each school building, new technology additions in each school, and a full line-up of fall events including the Annual Fall Luncheon at Penncrest High School in November.

Of special note is the celebration of the ***Fifteenth Anniversary of Lion's M.A.N.E.*** this year. During the school year, several events will be held throughout the district in recognition of this milestone. Dates and times of upcoming anniversary events will be posted in the Town Talk and on the district webpage. The kick-off will take place during the Annual Fall Luncheon! Please plan to attend and bring your RTM resident senior citizen friends!

## Celebrating Fifteen Years of Lion's M.A.N.E.!

Lion's M.A.N.E., the senior citizen outreach program of the Rose Tree Media School District, is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary during the current 2019-2020 school year. This is a fact to be celebrated throughout the academic year! Below is a short history of how the name originated.

Programs for senior citizens had been in place in the school district for more than twenty-five years when the term "Lion's M.A.N.E." came into effect in 2005. At that time, Dr. Denise Kerr, Superintendent, thought of the term 'Lion's M.A.N.E.', with the acronym "M.A.N.E." standing for *Mature Adults Nurturing Education*. She thought this term would connect with Penncrest High School which has a lion for a mascot. Mature lions in nature lead the pride of lions and have a mane of fur which shows their wisdom and experience. Among the senior citizens of Rose Tree Media, Lion's M.A.N.E. members are leaders with wisdom and experience to share with students throughout the district.

The mission of Lion's M.A.N.E. was developed in 2012 by the Lion's M.A.N.E. Senior Advisory Council, a group comprised from the general membership of Lion's M.A.N.E. Revised in April 2019, the mission statement is as follows:

*Lion's M.A.N.E. offers opportunities  
for older generations to interact with younger generations.*

Membership in Lion's M.A.N.E. is open to any resident of the Rose Tree Media School District who is age 65 or older. To join Lion's M.A.N.E., persons sign up at the district office at 308 North Olive Street in Media on any workday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Bring a photo ID and proof of residence. A Lion's M.A.N.E. Gold Card will be issued at that time. Membership is free for life as long as the person resides in the district.

## **Per Capita Tax Information - This Tax is Gone!**

In May, 2019 a resolution was passed by the Rose Tree Media School District Board of School Directors to remove the collection of the 2019 Per Capita Tax and any future Per Capita taxes. NOTE: Any prior, unpaid Per Capita taxes in collection must still be paid and satisfied.

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## **New Entrances at Each School**

During the summer months, school building entrances were renovated to be more safe, secure, and efficient for visitors to enter each building. Visitors to each school enter through a designated visitor entrance and sign in with security staff at the entrance. Procedures used in previous years are still in effect including showing a valid photo ID such as a driver's license, obtaining a visitor badge to wear at all times while in the building, and returning the visitor badge when checking out at the same desk area before leaving the building.

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## **Capital Planning Update**

During the past two years, the district monitored the growth in student enrollment combined with an increase in housing developments. More students are projected to be coming to Rose Tree Media in the future. As a result, a study was conducted to determine if the capacity of existing school buildings was sufficient for the increased number of students. To reach the 61-page **RTMSD Capital Plan** outlining the research, current options, and timelines, go to the district website at [www.rtmsd.org](http://www.rtmsd.org) and follow these steps: 1. Click on *Our District*. 2. Click on *Maintenance and Operations*. 3. Click on *Capital Planning and Facilities*. 4. Click on *Capital Planning Options to Address Projected Enrollment Increases*.



## **2019 Rose Tree Media Calendar of Fall Events**

The schedule below features many of the events taking place in the six schoolhouses during the first semester. Most events are free and do not require registration. Ticketed events are noted with a \* symbol. Discounted ticket prices are available for Lion's M.A.N.E. Gold Card members. Events may have unexpected changes in time or location. Questions? Call Meg at the Lion's M.A.N.E. voice mailbox (610-627-6263) or call the school that is hosting the event.

### **Events for October, 2019**

Tuesday, October 22	7:00 p.m.	Reader's Theatre	Penncrest Aud.
Thursday, October 24	7:30 p.m.	RTM Board Legislative Meeting	Penncrest Aud.
Saturday, October 25	7:00 p.m.	PC Homecoming Football Game*	Penncrest Stadium

### **Events for November, 2019**

Thursday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Junior Class Variety Show*	Penncrest Aud.
Saturday, Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Junior Class Variety Show*	Penncrest Aud.
Tuesday, Nov. 12	6:30 p.m.	RTM Committee Meetings	Educ. Center
Wednesday, Nov. 13	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Band Concert	Penncrest Aud.
Monday, Nov. 18 to Thursday, Nov. 21	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Book Fair	Springton Lake
Thursday, Nov. 21	7:30 p.m.	RTM Legislative Meeting	Penncrest Aud.
Saturday, Nov. 23	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	PC Band Craft Show	Penncrest H.S.
Tuesday, Nov. 26	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Choir Concert	Penncrest Aud.

### **Events for December, 2019**

Tuesday, Dec. 3	6:30 p.m.	RTM Committee Meetings	Educ. Center
Tuesday, Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	SL Grade 6 Choral Concert	Springton Lake
Thursday, Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest String Ensemble Concert	Penncrest Aud.
Tuesday, Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	SL Grade 7 Choral Concert	Springton Lake
Wednesday, Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	SL Grade 8 Choral Concert	Springton Lake
Thursday, Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Grade 5 Winter Chorus Concerts	All Elem. Schools
Monday, Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	SL Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert	Springton Lake

Tuesday, Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	SL Grade 6 Band & Orchestra Concerts	Springton Lake
Wednesday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	All Elems. Grade 5 Strings Concert	Springton Lake
Wednesday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	Grade 5 Band Concert (RT and IL)	Indian Lane
Wednesday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	Grade 5 Band (GW and M)	

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## Events for January, 2020

Wednesday, Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	SL Grades 7 & 8 Band Concert	Springton Lake
Saturday, Jan. 11	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Jazz Night	Penncrest Aud.
Tuesday, Jan. 14	7:00 p.m.	PC National Art Honor Soc. Induction	Penncrest Lib.
Wednesday, Jan. 22	2:30 p.m.	PC Coffee with the Principal	PC Granite Rm.
Friday, Jan. 24	5:30 p.m.	PC Athletic Ring of Honor Event*	Penncrest
Friday, Jan. 31	7:00 p.m.	Penncrest Winter Play*	Penncrest Aud.

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For a full listing of **athletic events**, go to the district website at [www.rtmsd.org](http://www.rtmsd.org). Click on either Penncrest High School or Springton Lake Middle School. Then click on the Athletic Tab in the middle of the page. Click on any of the sports headings to learn more about the many events offered in each season or sport.

## School Locations:

GW - Glenwood Elementary, 122 S. Pennell Road, Media, PA	610-627-6902
IL - Indian Lane Elementary, 309 S. Old Middletown Road, Media, PA	610-627-7102
M - Media Elementary, 120 E. Front Street, Media, PA	610-627-6802
RT - Rose Tree Elementary, 1101 First Avenue, Media, PA	610-627-7202
SL - Springton Lake Middle School, 1900 N. Providence Road, Media, PA	610-627-6502
PC - Penncrest High School, 134 Barren Road, Media, PA	610-627-6202
EC - Education Center, 308 North Olive Street, Media, PA	610-627-6002

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## ***New Administrators in Rose Tree Media School District***

*Dr. Frances Garner* was appointed the new Director of Student Services effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Garner has nine years of experience as Director of Special Education in North Penn and Central Bucks School Districts. She received her Doctorate from Immaculata University.

*Dr. Tiffany Bendistis Orrin* was appointed Supervisor of Transition Programs, effective July 1, 2019. This is a new administrative position. Dr. Orrin will work with teachers and students of special needs populations to help students master 21st century skills, something both colleges and employers seek. Dr. Orrin's work will ensure special needs students experience a smooth transition from graduating high school to moving to their next educational setting and/or finding meaningful employment as adults.

*Dr. Vanessa Scott* was appointed Director of Management Services, effective August 28, 2019. Dr. Scott has nineteen years of experience as a Business Manager for various school districts in Pennsylvania. She received her Doctorate from Rowan University. Dr. Scott is replacing Grace Eves who retired in early August 2019.

Rose Tree Media welcomes these new administrators to the district!

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*Share the News: When a school bus is stopped with its lights flashing, vehicles that are beside the bus and behind the bus must also stop. It's the law. It is also important for the safety of the students who are walking to and from the bus.*



## Technology Update

Rose Tree Media school district strives to offer its students a learning environment where the *21st Century skills* of the four “C”s - creativity, communication, critical thinking, and collaboration - combine with problem solving in all subject areas. Technology is used in each classroom as a powerful tool to support, expand and enhance the learning.

All computers within the district are networked with a high-speed connection to the Internet. This access is combined with interactive technologies, a Learning Management System, and teacher crafted web pages that guide, inform and support students. Current educational videos are available via video-on-demand services from the Delaware County Intermediate Unit through *Discovery Education*. In addition, students and teachers throughout the school system make use of a number of library databases to conduct research. The high school is equipped with a MacBook for every teacher, a Chromebook for every student, Tech Ed PC-based computer labs, a TV Studio, 3 Macbook computer carts, a Video production cart of 17 MacBooks, 8 PC desktop computers in the library, a projector in every classroom, and 26 interactive classroom Smart Boards.

The middle school is equipped with a MacBook for every teacher, a Chromebook for every student, 1 iMac Tech Center lab, 1 iMac Library lab, 3 carts of MacBook Airs, 25 iMac computers in the library, and interactive projectors in every classroom. Each of the four elementary schools is equipped with a MacBook and an iPad for every teacher, 6 iPads in every K-2 classroom, 12-13 Chromebooks in every 4-5 classroom, 2 carts of 25 MacBook Air laptops for classroom use, 2 mobile iPad carts for classroom use, 8 library computers, interactive Smart Boards and projectors in all classrooms.





Lion's M.A.N.E. and Penncrest High School Proudly Host the

## **Annual Senior Citizens' Fall Luncheon**

**For Rose Tree Media School District Senior Citizen Residents**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**



**To be held at Penncrest High School  
134 Barren Road, Media, PA 19063**

**11:00 AM Auditorium Opens**

**11:30 AM Opening Remarks and Music**

**12:30 PM Lunch is Served in the Cafeteria**

**Please note the starting time. Come for an afternoon  
of food, fun, and live musical entertainment.**

To reserve your space, please complete the information below  
and mail along with **payment or check payable to RTMSD**.

Mail to: Lion's MANE, c/o Meg Barney,  
RTMSD Education Center, 308 N. Olive St., Media, PA 19063.

Parking is limited; attendees are encouraged to carpool.

For retirement communities with 25 or more riders, a bus can be provided.  
Please write the community name on the form and call Meg with details.

— — — Fill in, detach, and send with payment by Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. — — —

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3/person = Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return with payment or check payable to RTMSD  
by Friday, November 8, 2019. Questions? Leave messages at 610-627-6263.  
Answers will be returned by Meg ASAP.